

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. An advertisement supplying method for displaying  
2 advertisement information on a terminal apparatus connected  
3 via a network to each other, comprising:
  - 4 a step for accepting both identification information  
5 of an advertisement request person and identification  
6 information of advertisement information related to said  
7 advertisement request person from a terminal of said  
8 advertisement request person;
  - 9 a step for displaying point management information,  
10 stored in a storage means in relation to both said accepted  
11 identification information of the advertisement request  
12 person and said accepted identification information of the  
13 advertisement information, which is used to produce a point  
14 which is applied to the advertisement information so as  
15 to be displayed and which gives viewing persons an incentive  
16 to view an advertisement on the terminal of the advertisement  
17 request person, and also accepting an input/change operation  
18 of said point management information;
  - 19 a step for updating the point management information  
20 stored in the storage means in accordance with the accepted  
21 input/change operation;
  - 22 a step for producing a point which is applied to the

23 advertisement information so as to be displayed by referring  
24 to the point management information stored in said storage  
25 means in response to an advertisement viewing request issued  
26 from a terminal of an advertisement viewing person; and  
27 a step for displaying the advertisement information  
28 to which the produced point has been applied on the terminal  
29 of the advertisement-viewing person under selectable  
30 condition.

1 2. An advertisement supplying method as claimed in claim  
2 1 wherein:  
3 said point management information contains information  
4 with respect to a combination of a degree of a point to  
5 be displayed and a time of said point.

1 3. An advertisement supplying method as claimed in claim  
2 1 wherein:  
3 said advertisement supplying method is further  
4 comprised of:  
5 a step in which when a selection of advertisement  
6 information from an advertisement viewing person is accepted,  
7 a point applied to said advertisement information is applied  
8 to said advertisement viewing person.

1 4. An advertisement supplying method as claimed in claim  
2 1 wherein:

3        said point management information includes a rule used  
4        to determine a point to be displayed; and

5        in said step for producing the point, a degree of a  
6        point which is applied to advertisement information so as  
7        to be displayed is determined with reference to said rule.

1        5.    An advertisement supplying system for displaying  
2        advertisement information on terminal apparatus connected  
3        via a network to each other, comprising:

4        means for accepting both identification information  
5        of an advertisement request person and identification  
6        information of advertisement information related to said  
7        advertisement request person from a terminal of said  
8        advertisement request person;

9        means for displaying point management information,  
10       stored in a storage means in relation to both said accepted  
11       identification information of the advertisement request  
12       person and said accepted identification information of the  
13       advertisement information, which is used to produce a point  
14       which is applied to the advertisement information so as  
15       to be displayed and which gives viewing persons an incentive  
16       to view an advertisement on the terminal of the advertisement  
17       request person, and also accepting an input/change operation  
18       of said point management information;

19       means for updating the point management information  
20       stored in the storage means in accordance with the accepted

21 input/change operation;

22 means for producing a point which is applied to the  
23 advertisement information so as to be displayed by referring  
24 to the point management information stored in said storage  
25 means in response to an advertisement viewing request issued  
26 from a terminal of an advertisement viewing person; and

27 means for displaying the advertisement information  
28 to which the produced point has been applied on the terminal  
29 of the advertisement-viewing person under selectable  
30 condition.

1 6. An advertisement supplying system as claimed in claim  
2 5 wherein:

3 said point management information contains information  
4 related to a combination of a degree of a point to be displayed  
5 and a time of said point.

1 7. An advertisement supplying system as claimed in claim  
2 5 wherein:

3 said advertisement supplying system is further  
4 comprised of:

5 means in which when a selection of advertisement  
6 information from an advertisement viewing person is accepted,  
7 a point applied to said advertisement information is applied  
8 to said advertisement viewing person.

1 8. An advertisement supplying system as claimed in claim  
2 5 wherein:

3 said point management information includes a rule used  
4 to determine a point to be displayed; and

5 in said means for producing the point, a degree of  
6 a point which is applied to advertisement information so  
7 as to be displayed is determined with reference to said  
8 rule.

1 9. A program product capable of operating a computer as  
2 an advertisement supplying method for displaying  
3 advertisement information on a terminal apparatus connected  
4 via a network to each other, comprising:

5 a process for accepting both identification information  
6 of an advertisement request person and identification  
7 information of advertisement information related to said  
8 advertisement request person from a terminal of said  
9 advertisement request person;

10 a process for displaying point management information,  
11 stored in a storage means in relation to both said accepted  
12 identification information of the advertisement request  
13 person and said accepted identification information of the  
14 advertisement information, which is used to produce a point  
15 which is applied to the advertisement information so as  
16 to be displayed and which gives viewing persons an incentive  
17 to view an advertisement on the terminal of the advertisement

-18 request person, and also accepting an input/change operation  
19 of said point management information;

20 a process for updating the point management information  
21 stored in the storage means in accordance with the accepted  
22 input/change operation;

23 a process for producing a point which is applied to  
24 the advertisement information so as to be displayed by  
25 referring to the point management information stored in  
26 said storage means in response to an advertisement viewing  
27 request issued from a terminal of an advertisement viewing  
28 person; and

29 a process for displaying the advertisement information  
30 to which the produced point has been applied on the terminal  
31 of the advertisement-viewing person under selectable  
32 condition.

1 10. A program product as claimed in claim 9 wherein:

2 said point management information contains information  
3 related to a combination of a degree of a point to be displayed  
4 and a time of said point.

1 11. A program product as claimed in claim 9 wherein:

2 said program product is further comprised of:

3 a process in which when a selection of advertisement  
4 information from an advertisement viewing person is accepted,  
5 a process operation such that a point applied to said

6 advertisement information is applied to said advertisement  
7 viewing person is executed by the computer.

1 12. A program product as claimed in claim 9 wherein:

2 said point management information includes a rule used  
3 to determine a point to be displayed; and

4 in said process for producing the point, a degree of  
5 a point which is applied to advertisement information so  
6 as to be displayed is determined with reference to said  
7 rule.